

**Regular Session Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting  
Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Town Hall  
Monday May 11, 2015, 7:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mark Siegenthaler, Chair, William S. Moonan, Margot R. Fleischman, Caroline Fedele, Michael A. Rosenberg, and Town Manager Richard T. Reed

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Piantedosi, James Burton, Bobbie Ennis, Oscar DePriest Friends of Veterans Memorial Park; Ben Thomas Finance Committee; Conservation Administrator Elizabeth Bagdonas; Youth and Family Services Director Sue Baldauf; Healthy Bedford Coordinator Carla Olson; Terry Gleason and Brian O’Donnell Bicycle Advisory Committee; Public Works Director Roy Sorenson; Facilities Director Taissir Alani; Fire Chief David Grunes; Amy Lloyd and Jeff Cohen Planning Board; Town Engineer Adrienne St. John; Economic Development Coordinator Alyssa Sandoval; Cathy Cordes Community Preservation Committee, Attorney Sam Coursey; Patricia Lloyd; James Shea; Virginia Crocker; Matt and Anna Collins; Fabrizio Caruso CDR Maguire; Mary McBride, Julie Turner and Meredith McCullough, Press Representative; Brian Dorrington, Bedford TV.

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**Chair Siegenthaler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.**

**15-251 Declaration of Stormwater Management Restrictions  
200 Springs Road and Irene Road**

Conservation Administrator Elizabeth Bagdonas presented the Selectmen with two Declarations of Restriction regarding Stormwater Management System Inspection and Maintenance Plans. The two properties are located at 200 Springs Road and the new subdivision at Irene Road. Ms. Bagdonas informed the Selectmen that Stormwater Management Restriction Plans provide permits to go along with building projects. By doing this, it is keeping with Bedford’s Water Protection Bylaw that deals with water quality and protection. Ms. Bagdonas concluded by saying that should the Selectmen approve the two plans without changing the wording, the plans would be presented to Town Counsel for final approval.

**Ms. Fleischman made a motion to approve the Declaration of Restrictions for 200 Springs Road as executed on March 6, 2015. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**Ms. Fleischman made a motion to approve the Declaration of Restrictions for Irene Road as executed on April 2, 2015. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**15-252 Proposed Veterans Memorial Park Sign**

Friends of Bedford Veterans Memorial Park Chair Joe Piantedosi presented the Selectmen with a proposed sign for Memorial Park. Mr. Piantedosi stated that the Patriotic Holiday Committee has worked for the past few years to come up with a sign for the Park. The proposed sign would be approximately 8 feet back from the sidewalk so as not to impede snow removal or pedestrian traffic. Mr. Piantedosi stated that the Committee is interested in obtaining Selectmen approval for ground lighting as well as a raised bed to fill the space beneath the sign. Mr. Piantedosi concluded by saying the Committee is looking to raise \$4,500 through donations and fund raisers with the hope of unveiling the sign on Veterans Day of 2015.

Mr. Rosenberg inquired if the Town Seal could be placed on the sign rather than the design presented. Mr. Piantedosi said he had inquired about adding the Town Seal but thought the sign would look too busy and not as attractive.

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to approve the 2015 proposed sign revision for Veterans Memorial Park to include ground lighting, a raised flower bed and without the current design located at the bottom of the sign. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**15-253 Proposed Minuteman Bikeway Extension  
Railroad Avenue Design  
Alternative Decision**

The meeting moved into the Multi-purpose Room to accommodate the large number of people in attendance.

Chair Siegenthaler reminded the audience that the purpose of this meeting was to make a final decision on which option would be selected to extend the Minuteman Bikeway on Railroad Avenue. Chair Siegenthaler stated that many residents called and/or e-mailed himself as well as the other Selectmen over the course of the week. Chair Siegenthaler thanked everyone for their input and interest in this project. Chair Siegenthaler concluded by saying that any project of this magnitude requires a lot of back and forth discussion and that the Town has a very good history of listening to the public's concerns and addressing them.

Mr. Moonan addressed the audience and acknowledged their desire for a decision. Mr. Moonan reiterated Chair Siegenthaler's comment that a capital project of this magnitude is not one that can be rushed. Mr. Moonan stated he too was aware of the safety concerns around this project. Mr. Moonan concluded by saying he was in favor of Option #2 as previously presented by VHB. It would have one 10 foot shared use path, a grass strip separating the path from the road, two 10 foot travel lanes, two 2 foot shoulders, one 4 foot sidewalk, and would be 42 feet wide.

Ms. Fedele thanked the Town Manager's staff and the residents for their feedback. Ms. Fedele reiterated her points from the previous week that while she is endorsing Option #2, she is very concerned about safety especially with regards to school children walking in such a commercial area. Ms. Fedele would like to see a path that would not bring pedestrians in close contact with the bus barn located on Railroad Avenue.

Mr. Rosenberg initially was in favor of Option #1 which is a "Complete Streets," design. However after receiving feedback over the past week, Mr. Rosenberg stated that he was in favor of Option #2. Mr. Rosenberg agrees with Ms. Fedele's concerns about safety and would be in favor of mitigating pedestrian's interaction with the school buses along Railroad Avenue. Mr. Rosenberg went on to say that he has been assured by a Concord Selectmen that it is a priority for Concord to work for improvements to its part of the Reformatory Branch Trail.

Mr. Rosenberg asked when Bedford would receive funding for this project. Town Manager Richard Reed stated that it could be 4-5 years before funding is received. Mr. Reed concluded by stating that it would take approximately 2 years to get final design approval from the Selectmen as the design is still a work in progress.

**Ms. Fleischman made a motion to approve Option #2 of a shared use path as presented to the Selectmen by VHB for the Minuteman Bike Extension at Railroad Avenue on April 27, 2015. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**15-254                      Fire Station Study Contract Award  
                                    CDR Maguire, Inc. – Milton, MA**

Mr. Reed informed the Selectmen that at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting there was an appropriation for two capital projects to study the Public Safety departments in the Town: Police and Fire. Mr. Reed stated that the Police Station study was small in scope and did not require Selectmen's approval for the study to commence. Mr. Reed said the Police Station Study was currently underway. The Fire Station Study required an RFP as it is a much larger study.

Facilities Director Tassir Alani addressed the Selectmen. He stated that 21 companies showed interest in the project and 5 submitted proposals. After the interview process, it was determined that CDR Maguire, Inc. from Milton, MA would be the best fit for the project. Mr. Alani stated that CDR Maguire, Inc. has extensive experience in performing feasibility and operational studies for public safety, including the design and construction aspect. Mr. Alani requested approval from the Selectmen to hire CDR Maguire, Inc. for the Fire Station Study project.

Chair Siegenthaler asked how long the project would take. Mr. Reed stated it would be approximately two months. Mr. Moonan inquired about what issues the study would address.

Fire Chief David Grunes stated that there were many issues to be addressed including the Fire Station's location with regards to response time to emergencies, the existing programs offered and meeting the Town's current needs.

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to approve a contract for the Fire Station Study in the amount of \$30,000 to CDR Maguire, Inc. of Milton, MA. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**15-255                      Contract Award-Inflow/Infiltration Removal Program  
Design- Phase III and Phase IV  
Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. – Peabody, MA**

Town Engineer Adrienne St. John presented the Selectmen with two proposed contracts with Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. The Town is seeking assistance with its on-going sewer inflow/infiltration removal program.

Ms. St. John stated that the Phase III contract will take the information from the recent smoke testing design and make the appropriate repairs to approximately 100 sewer manholes that were found to have significant groundwater infiltration.

Phase IV would have Weston & Sampson Engineers perform field inspection of an additional 450 manholes and approximately 5 miles of sewer mains to document other sources of inflow and infiltration.

Ms. St. John concluded by stating that both projects were time-sensitive due to the seasonal groundwater elevations and they would be eligible for the MWRA grant/loan program.

**Ms. Fleischman made a motion to approve a contract with Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. to complete Phase III and IV of the inflow/infiltration removal program in the amount of \$69,000 and \$86,000 respectively. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**15-256                      Easement Acceptance  
The Great Road Sidewalk Easement  
93-101 The Great Road**

Ms. St. John presented the Selectmen with an Easement Acceptance Proposal. Ms. St. John stated that the existing sidewalk along the western side of the building at 93-101 The Great Road was never a formal easement. With new traffic signals, a widened sidewalk and updated handicap ramps, it was necessary to obtain the proper rights for public access. The property owner has granted an easement with the understanding that the Town will be responsible for snow removal along the sidewalk.

**Ms. Fleischman made a motion to accept the sidewalk easement at 93-101 The Great Road. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**15-257                      Economic Development Updates**

Economic Development Coordinator Alyssa Sandoval presented the Selectmen with an update. Ms. Sandoval highlighted the work that she was doing with local businesses, Code Enforcement, Planning and Public Works to create connectivity between all entities. Ms. Sandoval is also working with real estate agents for updates on available office and commercial real estate in Bedford.

Ms. Sandoval showed the Selectmen brochures from other Towns and felt that Bedford could benefit from similar literature. The brochures are designed to attract business to the Town as well as provide assistance in setting up a new business such as obtaining licenses and permits.

The Selectmen commended Ms. Sandoval's efforts and agreed that a brochure of this nature would be helpful in attracting new business to Bedford.

**15-258                      Miscellaneous Action Items**

**One Day Special Liquor License  
Bedford Center for the Arts-Old Town Hall-May 21, 2015  
Prince Street Café f/b/o Monica & Paul Natalizio- Old  
Town Hall- June 27, 2015**

**Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve a One Day Special Liquor License for Bedford Center for the Arts to be held at Old Town Hall on May 21, 2015. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve a One Day Special Liquor License for Prince Street Café f/b/o Monica and Paul Natalizio to be held on June 27, 2015. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**15-259                      Minutes  
Regular Session Minutes – April 27, 2015**

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of April 27, 2015 as presented. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**15-260                      Town Manager's Report**

Mr. Reed told the Selectmen that his office was working with Town Counsel to provide a training session for Planning and Zoning Board members regarding special permit processes. The training will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup> and will be videotaped to assist with training of future board members.

Finally, Mr. Reed informed the Selectmen that he would be going to the State House on May 12<sup>th</sup> to provide testimony and input on Bill #2526 which was proposed by State Representative Ken Gordon. The bill would allow the Town of Bedford to tax Massport properties that are leased for non-aviation related use. Senator Michael Barrett filed a companion bill with the Senate.

#### **15-261      Open Discussion and Selectmen Liaison Reports**

Ms. Fleischman informed the Selectmen that she had recently attended a meeting with Lieutenant Governor Polito to discuss restoring the 9C cuts made by the Patrick Administration for educating Hanscom Air Force Base students. Ms. Fleischman said State Representative Gordon, School Superintendent Sills and School Committee member Ed Pierce were in attendance along with representatives from the Town of Bourne. Lieutenant Governor Polito was unaware of the history surrounding the funding but was grateful to receive the information and agreed to discuss the situation with Governor Baker. Ms. Fleischman had not heard any updates since that meeting but promised to keep the Selectmen apprised.

Chair Siegenthaler noted that he attended the Bicycle Advisory Committee and Planning Board meetings recently. Both groups endorse Option #2 for the extension of the Minuteman Bikeway along Railroad Avenue.

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.